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SUBJECT: DETAINED US MISSIONARIES

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1. MR. BARNETT WAS IN LOURENCO MARQUES AND DISCUSSED CASES OF DETAINED MISSIONARIES WITH CONSULAR OFFICER AND MISSIONARY FRIENDS OF DETAINED AMCITS IN EARLY SEPTEMBER.

2. OF SIX DETAINEES MENTIONED BY BARNETT, REF (A), FIVE ARE MISSIONARIES. THREE ARE U.S., AND THE BRAZILIAN AND RHODESIAN (AFRICAN CARRYING UK PASSPORT) MENTIONED WERE WORKING WITH DETAINED AMCIT DON MILAM. ZAMBIAN IS NOT A MISSIONARY BUT A BUSINESSMAN IMPRISONED SEVERAL MONTHS AGO WHEN HE ENTERED MOZAMBIQUE TO INVESTIGATE POSSIBILITIES OF STARTING A BUSINESS HERE. THIS INDIVIDUAL REPORTEDLY OWNS FIRMS IN ZAMBIA AND ETHIOPIA. HE IS BEING HELD WITHOUT KNOWLEDGE OF CHARGES. FOR THIS REASON BARNETT WISHED TO INCLUDE HIS CASE WITH THOSE OF THE MISSIONARIES. ONE PORTUGUESE CATHOLIC PRIEST WAS IM-PRISONED, BUT LATER RELEASED AND DEPORTED. POST CANNOT CONFIRM
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RUMORS OF OTHER MISSIONARIES BEING HELD IN NORTHERN PARTS OF

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COUNTRY.

3. VISITS PERMITTED TO MISSIONARIES, BUT NOT WITH FREQUENCY PERMITTED DURING JULY AND AUGUST. NOW NO VISITS ARE PERMITTED FOR A PERIOD OF TWO WEEKS, FOLLOWED BY A WEEK WHEN TWO OR THREE VISITS ARE ALLOWED. ACCORDING TO MRS. MILAM, VISITS ARE OPEN TO ANYONE. DURING ONE OF THE VISITS LAST WEEK, SHE SAID THERE WERE ABOUT THIRTY VISITORS TO THE MISSIONARIES. MRS. MILAM HAS BEEN ABLE TO DELIVER FOOD AND PERSONAL EFFECTS DAILY, HOWEVER.

4. AS REPORTED REFTEL (B) SIGN HAS BEEN POSTED INSIDE PRISON WHICH READY QUOTE YOUR ATTENTION IS CALLED TO THE FACT THAT FROM NOW UNTIL FURTHER NOTICE, BECAUSE OF COMPLAINTS MADE BY EMBASSIES, ALL TELEPHONE CALLS BY DETAINED FOREIGNERS TO THEIR RESPECTIVE EMBASSIES ARE HEREBY SUSPENDED. UNQUOTE.

5. TO BEST OUR KNOWLEDGE RADIO REPORT MENTIONED REFTEL (C) INACCURATE. MRS. CAIN, AMCIT WIFE OF SOUTH AFRICAN MISSIONARY AND BOOKSTORE OWNER, HAS NOT BEEN DETAINED, ALTHOUGH SHE REPORTED TO MRS. MILAM POLICE HAVE BEEN IN BOOKSTORE LOOKING FOR HER HUSBAND WHO IS IN SOUTH AFRICA. MRS. MILAM HAS NOT BEEN DETAINED.

6. SOUTH AFRICAN PRESS CARRIED FAIRLY ACCURATE ARTICLE ON PLIGHT OF DOLL AND FRIBURG LAST WEEK IN SEPTEMBER.

7. POST COMMENT ON ALTERNATE APPROACH AS FOLLOWS:

A. IN THE COURSE OF OTHER DISCUSSIONS WITH UN RESREP BALINSKI I HAVE KEPT HIM UP-TO-DATE ON PLIGHT OF IMPRISONED MISSIONARIES. WITH SO MANY OTHER FISH TO FRY, HE PROBABLY WOULD NOT LIKE TO MAKE FORMAL DEMARCHE, BUT WOULD NEVERTHELESS FOLLOW INSTRUC-TIONS IF WORD CAME DOWN FROM SECRETARIAT. PROBABLY MOST EFFECTIVE TACTIC WOULD BE FOR U.N. TO "ASK FOR INFORMATION" CONCERNING THE PRISONERS; I.E., HOW LONG THEY HAVE BEEN IMPRISONED, WHAT THE CHARGES ARE, ETC. ASSUMEDLY, THIS WOULD BE DONE BY BALINSKI IN HIS CAPACITY AS PERSONAL REPRESENTATIVE OF SECGEN, DIRECTLY WITH CHISSANO, WITH WHOM HE HAS ESTABLISHED EXTREMELY WARM AND FRIENDLY RELATIONS. APPROACH WOULD BE USE-
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FUL AND TIMELY FOLLOW-UP TO CHISSANO'S UN STAY WHERE HE WAS "ACQUAINTED" WITH CASE BY DEPT, BY FRIENDS OF THE WEST GROUP, AND MOST LIKELY BY SENATOR CLARK STAFFERS. FYI: BALINSKI LEAVES FOR MALAWI CONFERENCE OF UN RESREPS OCT 8. HE WILL VISIT NAIROBI BEFORE RETURNING TO LM OCT 22.

B. APPROACHING OTHER GOVERNMENTS IS NON-STARTER. ZAMBIANS EXPRESS NO OBSERVABLEINTEREST IN THEIR DETAINEE; BRITISH ARE

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LYING LOW; BRAZILIANS ARE STILL IN LIMBO.
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